



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. Weather conditions in Virginia continued to be warm and wet with storms this week; the precipitation has helped with crop progress and topsoil moisture. Farming activities for the week included attending field days and harvesting vegetables.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/07/16

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	3	20	72	5
Subsoil	3	17	75	5

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/07/16

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	3	10	41	44	2
Grapes	2	31	37	29	1
Peaches	31	15	36	18	-
Corn	2	6	31	51	10
Cotton	-	4	22	73	1
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	32	60	5
Hay, Other	1	10	37	48	4
Peanuts	-	-	8	90	2
Soybeans	-	9	20	56	15
Tobacco, Air-cured	-	9	26	61	4
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	-	53	40	7
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	-	23	61	16
Pasture	3	8	33	50	6
Livestock	-	3	21	63	13

-Represents zero.

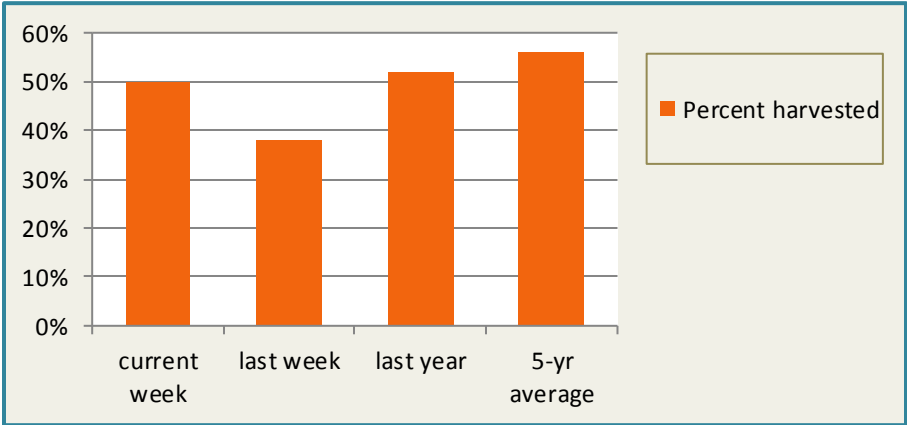
CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/07/16

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	23	22	23	-
Peaches harvested	50	38	52	56
Corn silking	88	81	93	93
Corn dough	50	42	63	66
Corn dented	27	13	37	36
Cotton squaring	94	91	98	99
Cotton setting bolls	64	42	70	76
Peanuts pegging	84	73	86	86

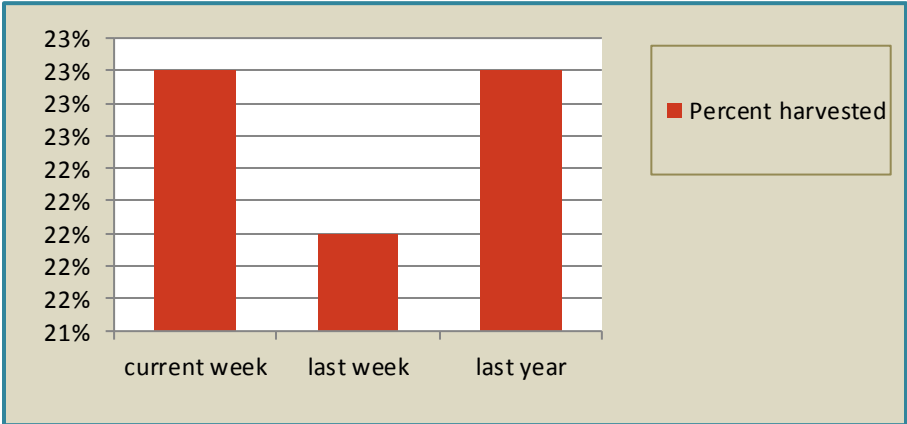
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	80	68	85	92
Soybeans blooming	47	36	54	58
Soybeans setting pods	21	12	33	30
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	8	5	18	15

- Represents data not available.

PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 08/07/16



APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/07/16



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 7, 2016

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Aug. 6	Mar. 1 to Aug. 6 norm	Last Week	Since Jun. 1	Jun. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	84	70	89	68	77	2	2611	2424	0.69	12.96	4.09	32.61	5.66
Norfolk	88	74	92	71	81	2	2948	2661	8.26	16.67	6.75	38.90	10.51
Richmond	86	71	92	69	78	0	2766	2635	0.15	12.36	3.28	32.99	6.17
Roanoke	84	70	91	67	77	1	2780	NA	2.25	12.92	4.54	30.65	4.23
Wash/Dulles	86	70	91	64	78	2	2573	NA	0.02	9.39	1.09	27.05	2.01

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Hot, humid conditions typical for this time of year characterized the week with scattered thunderstorms. A significant portion of corn acreage planted late due to a wet spring tasseled this week.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

For most of the week, our corn crop has been looking like it could use some moisture in certain areas, although some parts of the county have retained a good deal of moisture from showers last week.

AMHERST (Alyssa Elliott)

Heavy rain and thunderstorms most evenings this week brought plenty of rain to the area.

CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)

Several scattered, small rains have kept the soil moisture and crop conditions at status quo.

NELSON (Michael LaChance)

Rain falling daily, with thunderstorms building up in the area in the afternoons. Temperatures have been high, making for very humid days. Hop harvest began last weekend. Strawberry plugs being rooted out in prep for fall planting.

EASTERN

KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)

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GLOUCESTER/MATHEWS/MIDDLESEX (David Moore)

Recent rains have really helped soybeans. Many are in bloom and are beginning to set pods. Rains were a little late for some corn and I think yields are hurt some in some areas. Still think most corn will do 100 or better and a lot will do 125 or better. Corn yields are not as good as 2015, but some folks will do very well. Depends how the rain fell. Field days and field scouting are the activities of the week. Haymaking will continue and veggies are being harvested: peppers, cantaloupes, tomatoes, squash and cukes. Pumpkins and sweet potatoes are looking good.

ESSEX/KING AND QUEEN/KING WILLIAM (Keith Balderson)

Widely scattered showers helped to maintain topsoil moisture in most areas. Farmers spent the week scouting soybeans for insects and diseases, getting ready for crop harvest, and attending field days. Corn leaf aphid was reported in grain sorghum.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Weather conditions this week have been very wet and rainy.

SOUTHERN

HENRY (Melanie Barrow)

Due to nightly storms or rainfall for five nights, Henry County received a little over 3.5" in some locations while others had as little as 1.75".

LUNENBURG (Lindy Tucker)

All in all, things are well. We have continued to get rain in most places, so corn and beans are progressing nicely. Tobacco pulling was in full swing this week and the crop looks pretty good overall. Livestock look good as pastures have done well with the rain this season. No complaints.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

High temperatures moderated some last week back to low 90's or high 80's. Summer storms are producing some flooding which quickly subsides. Many acres of soybeans were forced to be replanted or planted very late, increasing the likelihood of lower yields for 2016. Corn still has high yield probability.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Some producers of flue cured tobacco have begun pulling and curing lower leaves and some are still topping. Off and on rain has slowed some field work.

SURRY (Mr. Glenn Slade)

Crops are progressing well with cotton, peanuts, and soybeans still needing timely rains to reach full potential. Corn is mostly made, with good yields expected.